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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



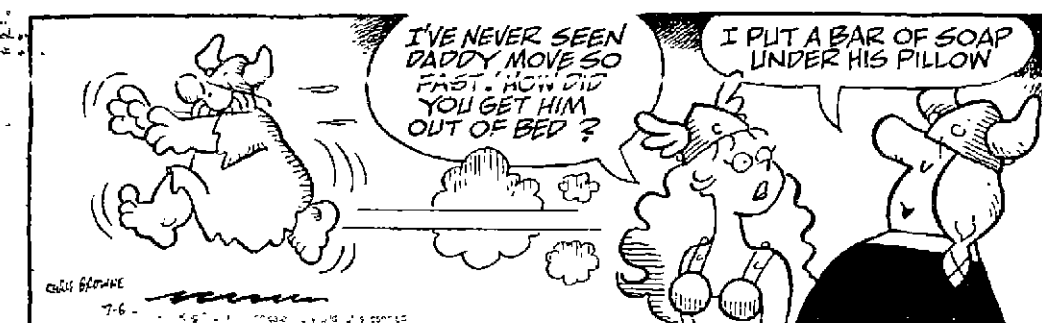
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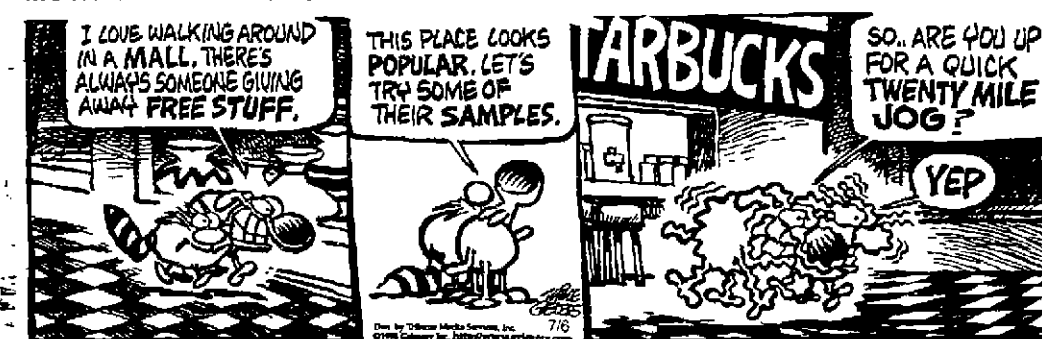
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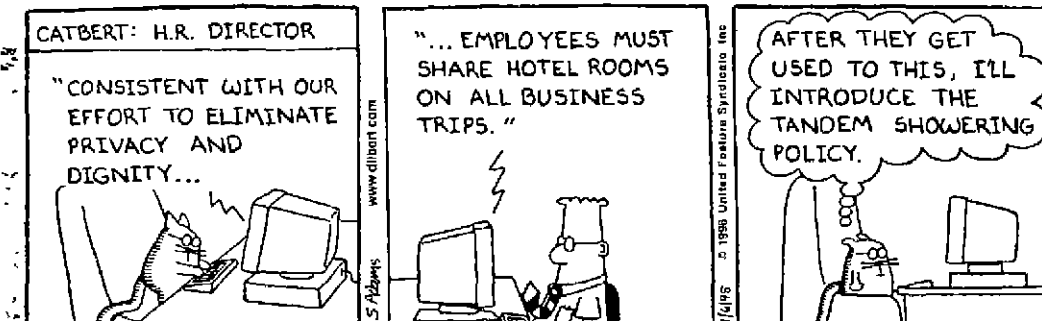
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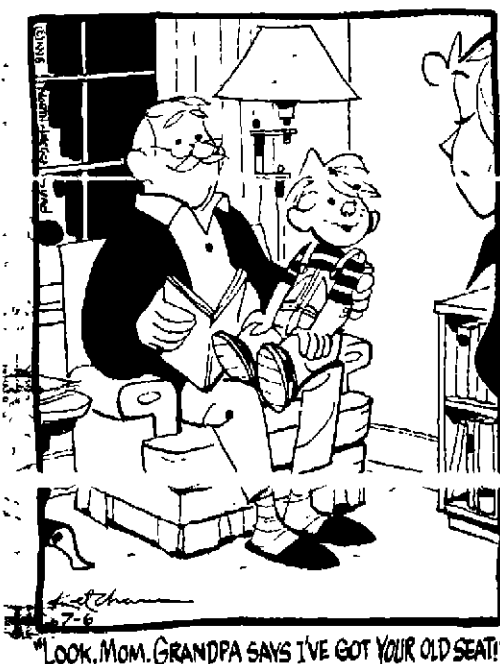
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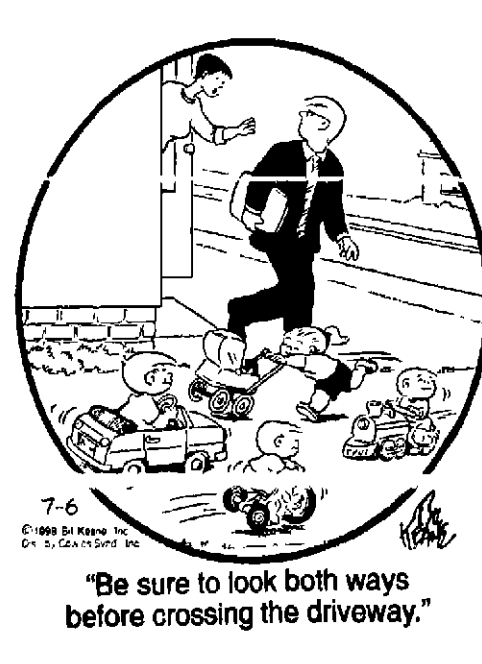
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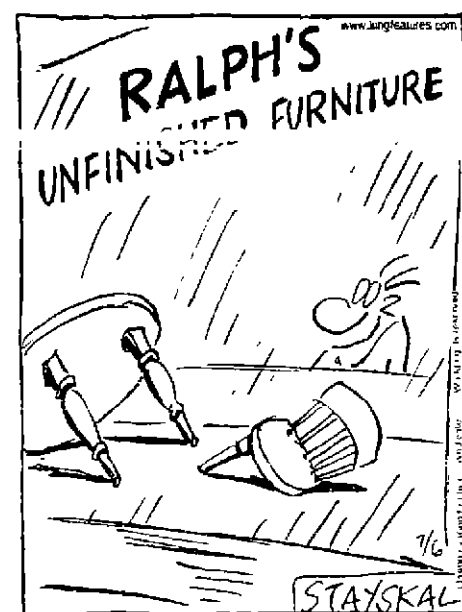
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



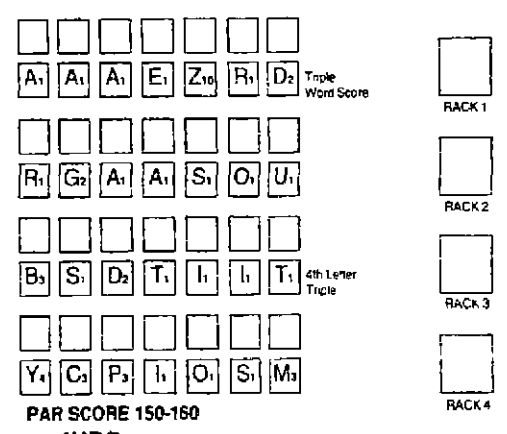
Today's Birthdays

Former first lady Nancy Reagan is 77. Actor William B. Davis is 77. Talk-show host Merv Griffin is 73. Actress Janet Leigh is 71. Singer-actress Della Reese is 67. Actor Ned Beatty is 61. Actor-director Sylvester Stallone is 52. Actor Burt Ward is 52. Actor Grant Goodeve is 46. Country singer Nanci Griffith is 45. Actresses (and sisters) Tamera Mowry and Tia Mowry (both of "Sister, Sister") are 20.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE



DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill-Webster) and CSW Official Scrabble Words (Chenbers). Judd's SOLUTION TOMORROW 7-6

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Over-

FBXUQN JGDZWTQNK
SHDAXURPMJGDAXV
SSQNKSI F DAXVTQO
M J A B U N D A N C E H F C A
Y W U P R R I W O R G P N L J
H F P D A B Z G O X R V T T R
Q L O O K O M K H R A O I H F
Y D B B C Z Y D W T H G I E W
V T R Q O O N A N S C T L K O
I H F D T C A E Z A X W V U L
S R Q O S N M H K C H J I H F

Saturday's unlisted clue: SICHUAN

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Monday's unlisted clue hint: MERCHANDISE ON HAND

Abundance	Flow	Look	Supply
Board	Grow	Night	Throw
Cast	Hand	Pass	Weight
Charge	Head	Shot	

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, July 7, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's a good time to strike out on your own. Get ready for an unusual, memorable experience.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Honor an agreement that you think is somewhat silly but is important to someone else.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don't spend much time pondering why; just relax and enjoy the good times.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) If your workload has been unreasonable lately, perhaps it's time you took a mini-vacation.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Your achievements are limited only by your imagination. People are set ablaze by your fires.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You have no choice but to push yourself to the limit, even if your soul is feeling weary.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) The air positively crackles with energy around you, and everything you touch turns to gold.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) If your first attempt does not succeed, you know what you have to do again.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You have absolutely no excuse for being unhappy. A whirl of social activity leaves you breathless yet fully satisfied with life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) If your job seems mundane, try to remember what you are doing, and why you are there.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Surround yourself with the company of good friends, who allow you to achieve practically anything.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You have to play by the rules; there are no exceptions. Luck might get you out of a sticky spot.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Take a good look at today's trump suit. This distribution doesn't show up too often, but when it does, it rarely gets the attention it deserves. How would you play the suit to keep from losing three tricks? South wins his singleton club ace and sees only one side-suit loser. (He can discard a spade on one of dummy's diamonds.) Obviously, his only remaining problem is how to avoid losing more than two trump tricks. The first step is to check the probability tables. (These approximations apply to other combinations as well.) With an even number of cards outstanding (six), probability does not favor an even split. (A 3-3 break is about 36 percent.) More likely is a 4-2 break (about 50 percent). If South cashes his trump ace and continues with the jack "to force an honor," he's betting on the wrong horse. East wins his king, and West later gets two more tricks with his Q-9 over South's 10. A better chance is to cash the trump ace and follow with a low trump! This gives away nothing when trumps are 3-3 and collects heavily when trumps are 4-2 with a doubleton honor. In today's layout, East's trump king captures South's low trump, and South still has his J-10 left to drive out West's queen. He loses only two trumps and a diamond, winning 10 tricks instead of only nine.

NORTH 07-06-A

♠ A 7 5 3
♥ ...
♦ Q J 9 6
♣ 10 9 8 5 3

WEST EAST
♠ J 9 4 ♠ Q 8 2
♥ Q 9 8 2 ♥ K 6
♦ A 4 2 ♦ 10 7 5 3
♣ K Q 7 ♣ J 6 4 2

SOUTH

♠ K 10 6
♥ A J 10 7 5 4 3
♦ K 8
♣ A

Vulnerable Both

Dealer South

The bidding.

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass

Opening lead: Club king

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0525

ACROSS

- 1 Essence
5 Fable finale
10 — facto
14 London district
15 Fruit container
16 See 47-Across
17 1944 Oscar-winning song by Bing Crosby
20 Jobs to do
21 Radiant
22 Inflation-fighting W.W. II org.
23 Vote of support
24 Actor Gibson
25 Years and years
27 Oats for horses, say
29 Hotel capacity
30 Commence

33 Pie — mode

- 34 Start of a counting-out rhyme
35 Like some Jewish delis
36 Berlin's home: Abbr.
37 Court divider
38 Like 10-watt bulbs
39 Friend in France
40 Not give up an argument
42 Spy's writing
43 Litter member
44 Japanese camera
46 Middle ears?
48 Church niche
47 With 16-Across, depressed

46 Doc bloc

- 49 Weld
50 Sure-footed work animal
52 Send, as money
54 Send elsewhere
57 1951 hit with music by former Veep Dawes
60 Christmas time
61 Go fishing
62 Tiptop
63 Soviet news agency
64 They're counted at meetings
65 See 45-Down

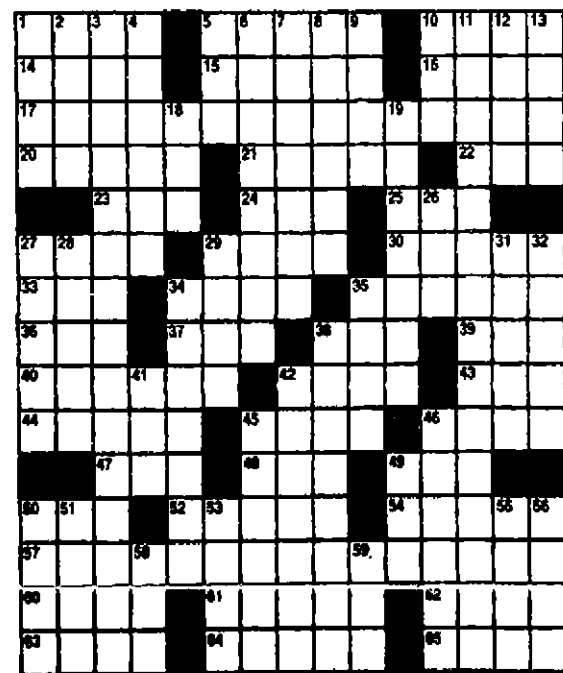
DOWN

- 1 "Hey there!"
2 Hawkeye State
3 1937 Benny Goodman hit
4 Reacted like a taxi driver?
5 Sprint rival
6 Embellish
7 Tattered
8 The Marshall Islands, e.g.
9 Jay who has Monday night "Headlines"
10 Condit

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SHORTFUSE ASPS
LASHYRINTH ALERT
UNLEASHES LITER
MDI STAR PANAMA
PEGS STEAL EDIT
SLEPT POPUP ASU
AAR REINE TEM
COMPUTER GAMES

11 1980 song from "Bye Bye Birdie"
12 Polaroid
13 Gumbo plant
14 Fed. property overseer
15 Stunning



Puzzle by William Canine

- 26 Extra-play periods, for short
27 Dickens thief
28 1983 Nicholas Gage book
29 Red vegetable
31 Tale-spinning

- 32 Rubbish
34 Tangle up
36 Youngsters
38 Fight (with)
41 Charged particle
42 — and coins

- 48 With 65-Across, a Spanish highway
49 Sour brew
50 — Raohasite
51 Portico

- 53 Vene
54 Austen heroine
56 Stagger
58 Smith and Gore
59 "It — pretty!"
60 "For — a jolly..."

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